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## Mayor O'Connell Urges Local Businesses to Apply for State Grants

Taunton, MA...Mayor O'Connell is sharing with the local business community the opportunity to apply for grants through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC).

The Baker Administration has made available \$50.8 million in grants to support small businesses and microenterprises that are experiencing economic hardship due to the COIVID-19 pandemic.

"Supporting our small business community is vital to the economic well-being of our city. Over 30 local businesses have received grants provided by the City. This is a welcome addition to the assistance we have been able to provide, and we thank the Baker Administration for their support," said O'Connell.

There are two different grants available for businesses with fewer than 5 employees and businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

Grants may be used for expenses such as rent, payroll, staffing, utitilies, general support and stabilization of the business, and PPE.

Businesses should apply immediately as the application process closes on November 12 at 12:00p.m.

For more information and to apply go to <a href="www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/covid-19-response">www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/covid-19-response</a> or the City of Taunton website.

The COVID-19 Grants for Massachusetts Small Businesses Program details and application may be accessed here: <a href="https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/covid-19-response/covid-19-grants-massachusetts-small-">https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/covid-19-response/covid-19-grants-massachusetts-small-</a>

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